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Foreword

Another step toward completing a series of authentic boogie woogie piano solos is this new Albert Ammons collection. Again, through the special process we have devised are we able to present an accurate picture in notes of the Ammons style.

After culling the repertoire of Mr. Ammons, these five numbers were selected. They represent a varied aggregation of his compositions written over a period of years. Various experts and collectors were consulted before the actual work began. It was only after this advice were we satisfied that this book would be an important addition to the devotees of boogie woogie music.



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Albert Ammons

Famous Boogie Woogie Pianist

Albert **AMMONS**

If you saw Albert Ammons walking down the street, you would be impressed by his heavy, well proportioned stature. His five feet, ten inches, suggest a football player or heavyweight boxer. But if you were privileged to hear him play piano, you would note his adaptation of that physique to his technique. The bass notes rumble and the right hand darts out like streak lightning. His control and strength are so impressive that you expect him to hold the piano aloft in one hand and play with the other.

Ammons comes from Chicago; he was born there in 1907 and spent most of his life on the South Side. His early piano training consisted of watching the keys and marking them when he played the favorite piano rolls of the day. From that training he developed the simple technique which is proving so popular today.

Noteworthy in playing this music is the regularity in which Ammons uses three chords throughout his work. Memorizing these forma-

tions should simplify the execution of these pieces. Similarly, the bass figures run regularly in each respective piece. The most important thing is to attain independence of the hands, which comes with practice.

Since boogie-woogie is essentially a solo feature, the importance of originality and color is most important. Albert's early training with orchestras has helped him considerably, in this respect. Playing with Meade "Lux" Lewis and Pete Johnson has not had much effect on his own style, though a few touches do show up. The drive of his music seems to thrill audiences and remains his strongest point.

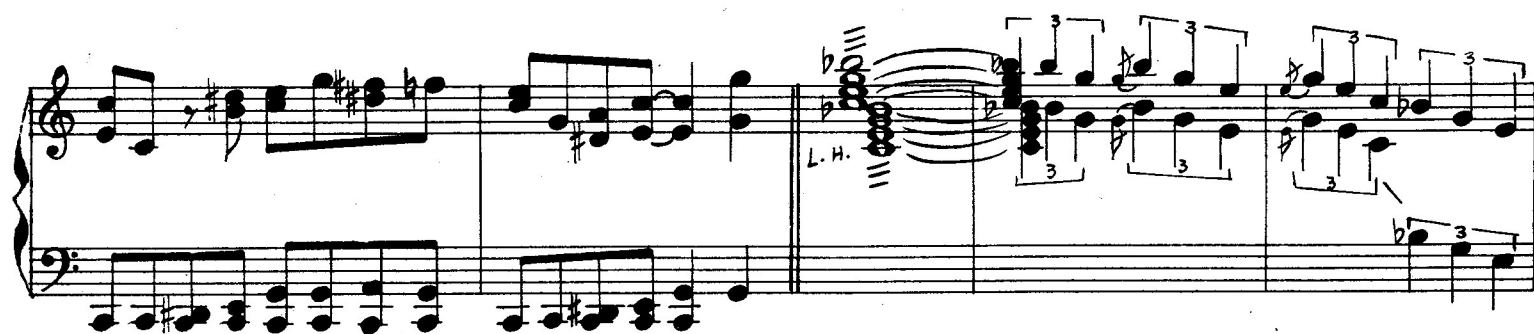
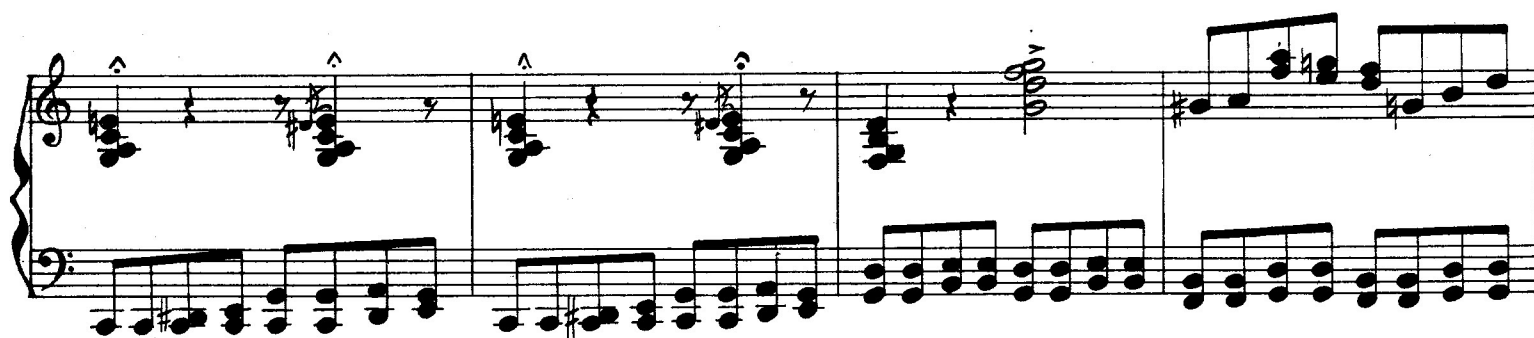
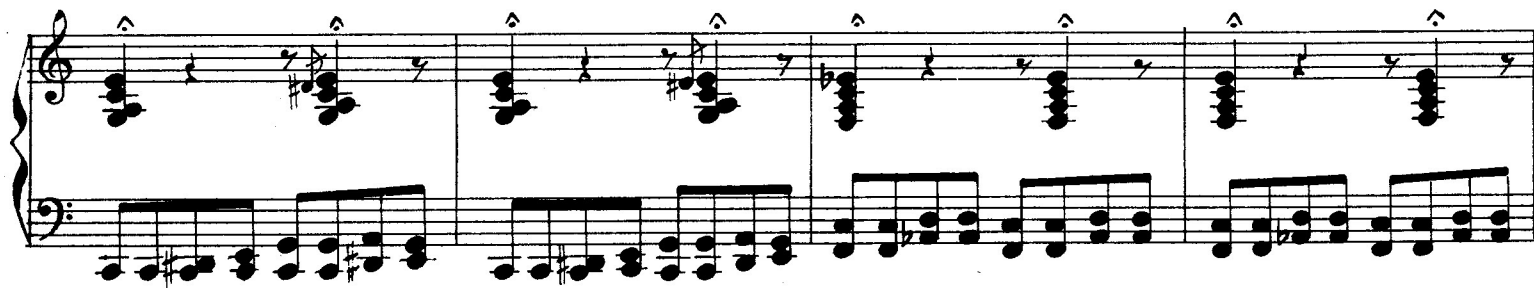
The amazing thing about boogie woogie is that in spite of its simplicity it is inventive and sincere. Albert Ammons is one of the pioneers and his name will go down in musical history along with his co-workers, Meade "Lux" Lewis and Pete Johnson.

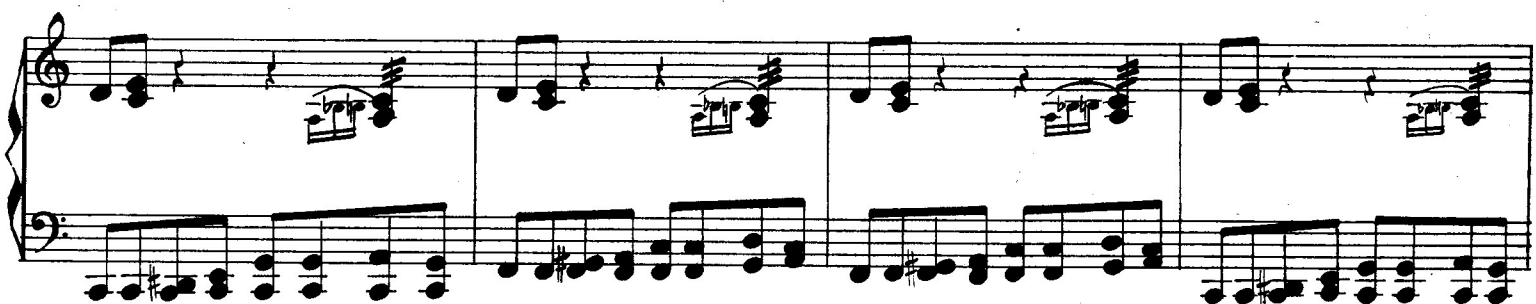
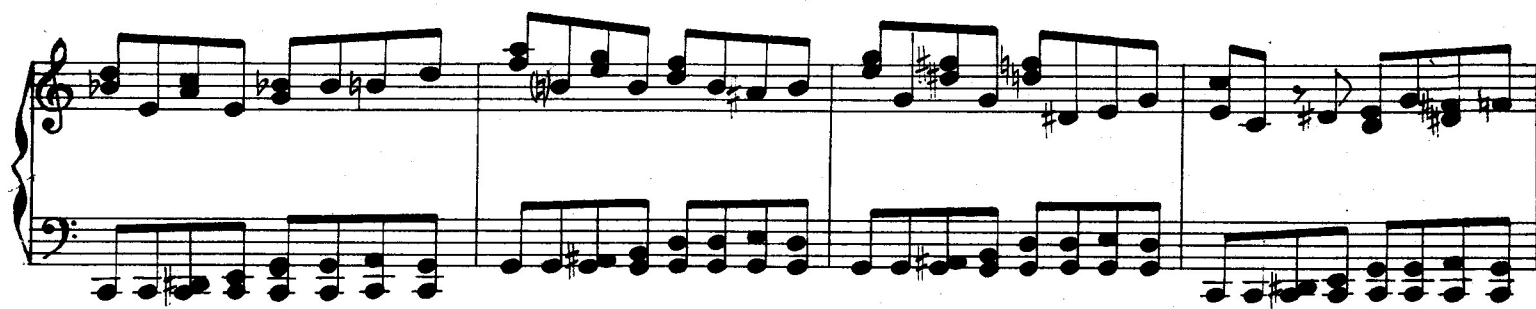
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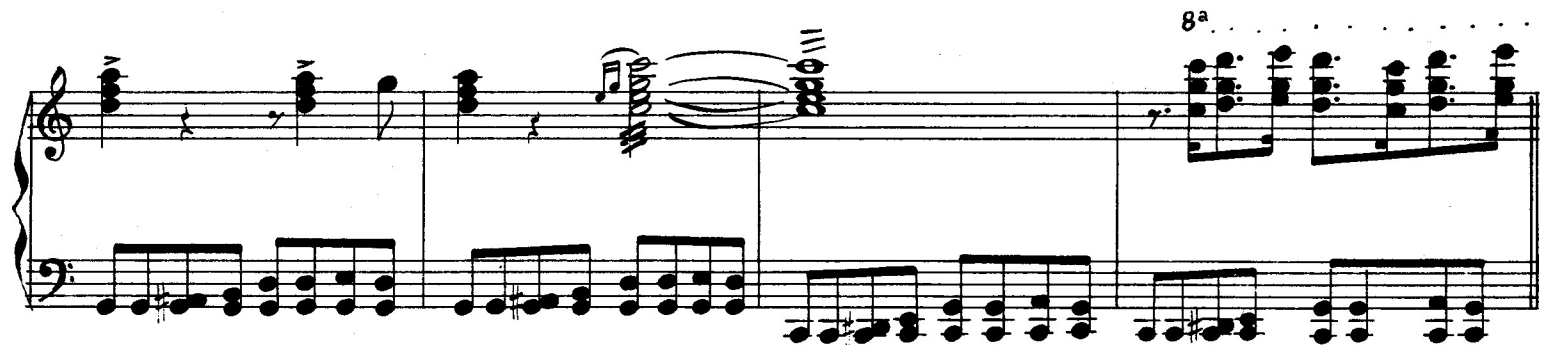
BOOGIE WOOGIE STOMP

By
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The musical score is written for piano and consists of five systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The first system features a complex, syncopated melody in the treble clef with many beamed sixteenth and thirty-second notes, and a bass line with triplets and chords. The subsequent four systems show a more rhythmic melody in the treble clef, often with eighth-note patterns, while the bass line continues with a steady, syncopated accompaniment. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The notation includes various musical symbols such as accidentals, slurs, and dynamic markings.







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SHOUT FOR JOY

By
ALBERT AMMONS

The musical score is written for piano and includes an 8va (octave) part. It consists of four systems of music, each with a piano part in the bass clef and an 8va part in the treble clef. The first system shows the piano part with a long melodic line and the 8va part with chords. The second system features a more complex piano part with many sixteenth notes and the 8va part with chords and some melodic movement. The third system continues the piano part's complexity and the 8va part with chords. The fourth system, marked 'loco', shows the piano part with a more rhythmic, eighth-note pattern and the 8va part with chords. The score is in 4/4 time and uses a key signature of one sharp (F#).



This page of musical notation is for a piano piece, featuring five systems of staves. The notation is written in a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The first system shows a complex melodic line in the right hand with triplets and a final *sforzando* (sfz) chord. The second system features a series of accented chords in the right hand, each marked *sforzando* (sfz), with an *8va* (octave) marking above the final measure. The third system continues the melodic development in the right hand, including a triplet. The fourth system shows a more active right hand with various intervals and a final measure with a *z* (accents) marking. The fifth system concludes with a melodic line in the right hand, marked *8va* (octave), and a final measure with a *b* (flat) marking. The left hand throughout the piece provides a steady accompaniment of eighth notes.

This page of musical notation consists of five systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The music is written in a key with one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, accidentals, and dynamic markings.

The first system begins with a *loco* marking above the treble staff. The second system features an *8va* marking above the treble staff. The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, accidentals, and dynamic markings.

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BOOGIE WOOGIE BLUES

By
ALBERT AMMONS

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This page of musical notation, numbered 13, contains six systems of music for piano. Each system consists of a grand staff with a treble clef and a bass clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 3/4. The music is characterized by complex rhythmic patterns, including triplets and sixteenth notes. The notation includes various musical symbols such as notes, rests, accidentals, and dynamic markings. The first system shows a melodic line in the treble with triplets and a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the bass. The second system continues this pattern with more complex triplet figures. The third system introduces a new melodic motif in the treble, featuring a series of eighth notes and a triplet. The fourth system shows a more active bass line with frequent eighth-note changes. The fifth system features a melodic line in the treble with a triplet and a bass line with a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The sixth system concludes the page with a final melodic phrase in the treble and a bass line with a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The notation is written in a standard musical score format with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) for each system.

This page of musical notation, numbered 14, contains six systems of piano music. Each system consists of a grand staff with a treble and bass clef. The music is characterized by dense, complex chords and frequent use of triplets, indicated by a '3' over a bracket. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The notation includes various musical symbols such as slurs, ties, and dynamic markings like '8va' (octave up) and 'p' (piano). The first system shows a complex chordal texture with some notes tied across measures. The second system continues this texture with more complex chordal structures. The third system introduces more melodic movement in the treble clef, featuring triplets and slurs. The fourth system shows a similar pattern with triplets and slurs. The fifth system features a dense texture of triplets in the treble clef. The sixth system concludes with a final chord and a melodic line in the treble clef.

This page of musical notation, page 15, contains six systems of music. Each system consists of a treble staff and a bass staff. The notation is complex, featuring various musical symbols including notes, rests, accidentals, and triplets. The first system shows a treble staff with a triplet of eighth notes and a bass staff with a steady eighth-note pattern. The second system continues this pattern with some melodic movement in the treble. The third system introduces a triplet of eighth notes in the treble and a more active bass line. The fourth system features a treble staff with a triplet of eighth notes and a bass staff with a steady eighth-note pattern. The fifth system shows a treble staff with a triplet of eighth notes and a bass staff with a steady eighth-note pattern. The sixth system concludes the page with a treble staff featuring a triplet of eighth notes and a bass staff with a steady eighth-note pattern.

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BASS GONE CRAZY

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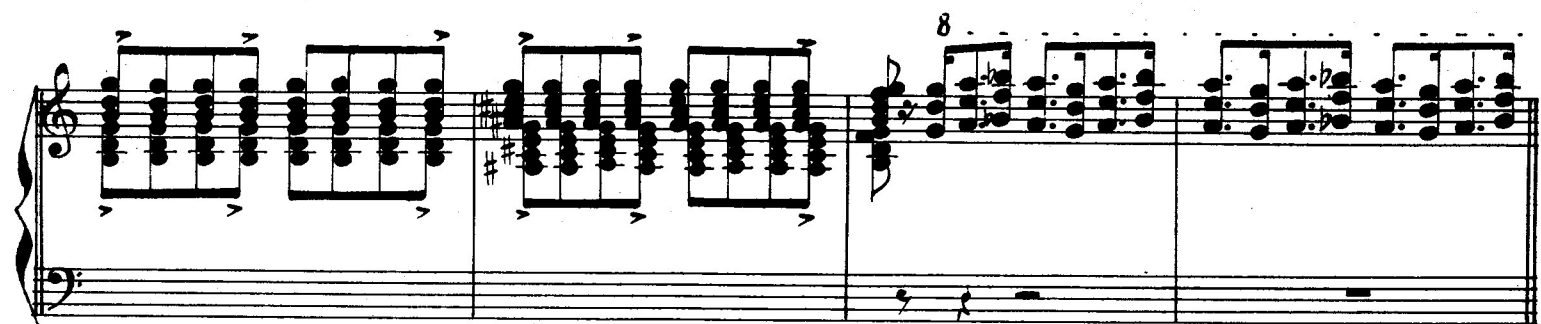
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This musical score is for piano and consists of five systems, each with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system (measures 8-11) features a dense texture with many beamed sixteenth and thirty-second notes in both hands. The second system (measures 12-15) continues this texture, with the right hand showing some melodic movement. The third system (measures 16-19) shows a change in texture, with the right hand playing more widely spaced notes and the left hand maintaining a steady accompaniment. The fourth system (measures 20-23) continues the melodic development in the right hand. The fifth system (measures 24-27) concludes the passage, featuring a trill (tr) in the right hand and a final chordal resolution in both hands.

This page of musical notation, numbered 18, contains six systems of music for piano. Each system consists of a treble staff and a bass staff. The notation includes various musical elements such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

- System 1:** The treble staff features a series of chords and single notes, with a flat (b) marking. The bass staff contains a continuous sequence of chords.
- System 2:** The treble staff continues with chords and notes, including a sharp (#) marking. The bass staff maintains the chordal sequence.
- System 3:** The treble staff includes a triplet of eighth notes and a fermata. The bass staff continues with chords.
- System 4:** The treble staff features a triplet of eighth notes and a fermata. The bass staff continues with chords.
- System 5:** The treble staff includes a triplet of eighth notes and a fermata. The bass staff continues with chords.
- System 6:** The treble staff features a triplet of eighth notes and a fermata. The bass staff continues with chords.

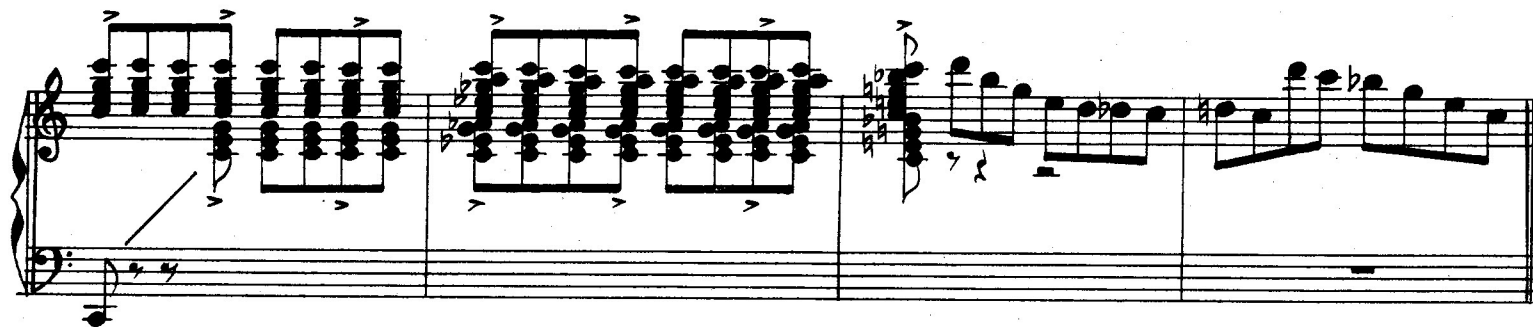


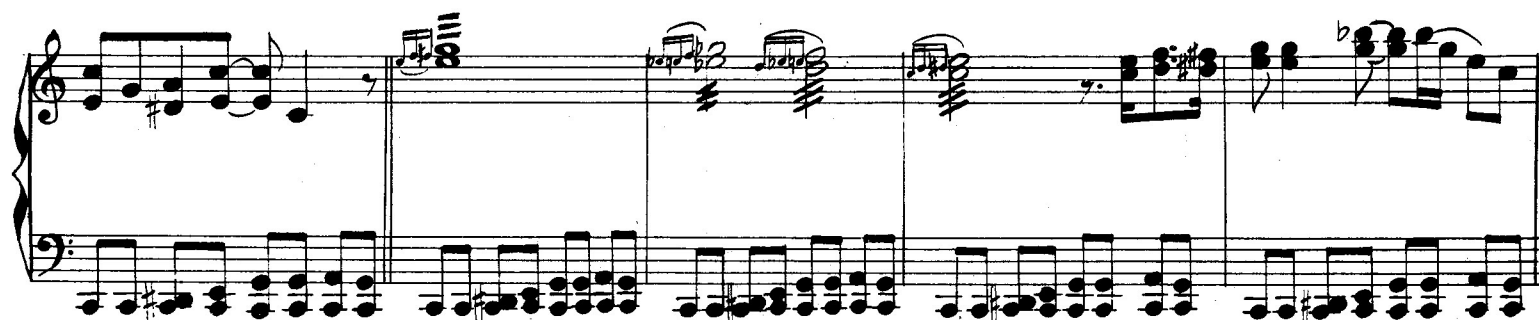
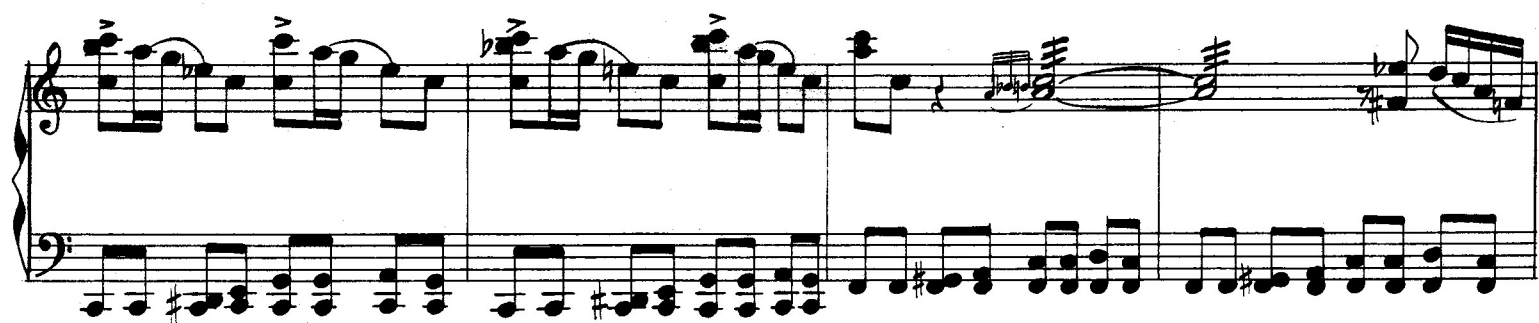
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MONDAY STRUGGLE

By
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The musical score is written for piano and features a complex, rhythmic melody. The first system consists of a single staff with a treble clef, containing a series of chords and a melodic line. The second system through the fifth system are written in grand staff notation, with a treble clef on the upper staff and a bass clef on the lower staff. The melody is characterized by frequent triplets and a driving, syncopated rhythm. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The score concludes with a final triplet in the fifth system.







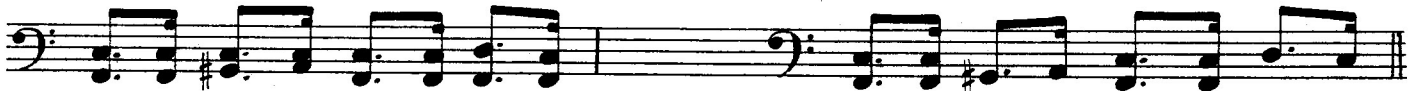
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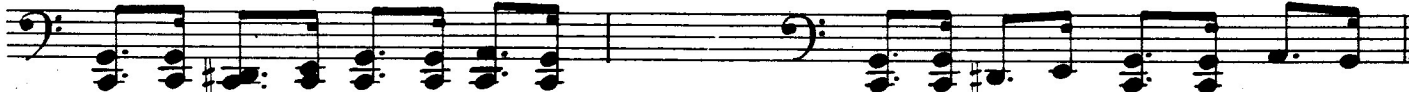
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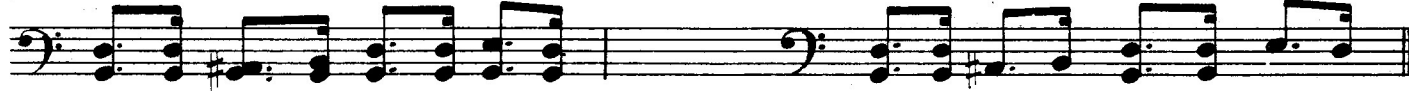
The fundamental bass patterns frequently used by Albert Ammons may be simplified for greater ease of playing:

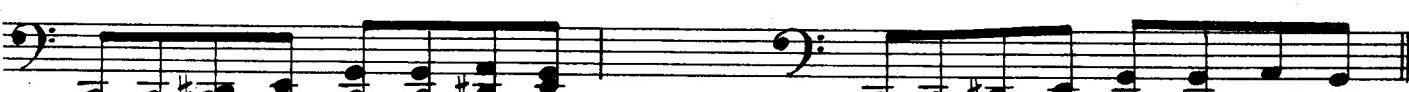
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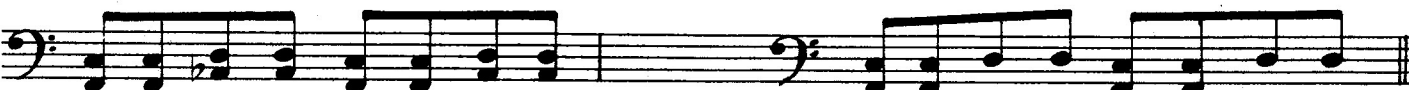
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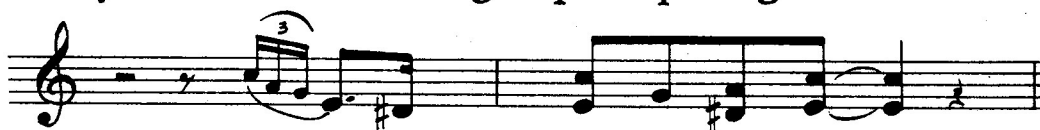
Ex. 2: 

Ex. 3: 

Ex. 4: 

Ex. 5: 

"Crushed" notes, which occur frequently in cadences should be slurred and executed very quickly. They should sound as a group of quick grace notes.

"Crushed" notes Ex. 6: 

Almost all tremolo chords are preceded by a short group of grace notes. As in the case of "crushed" notes these should be slurred and executed quickly to run directly into the tremolo chord.

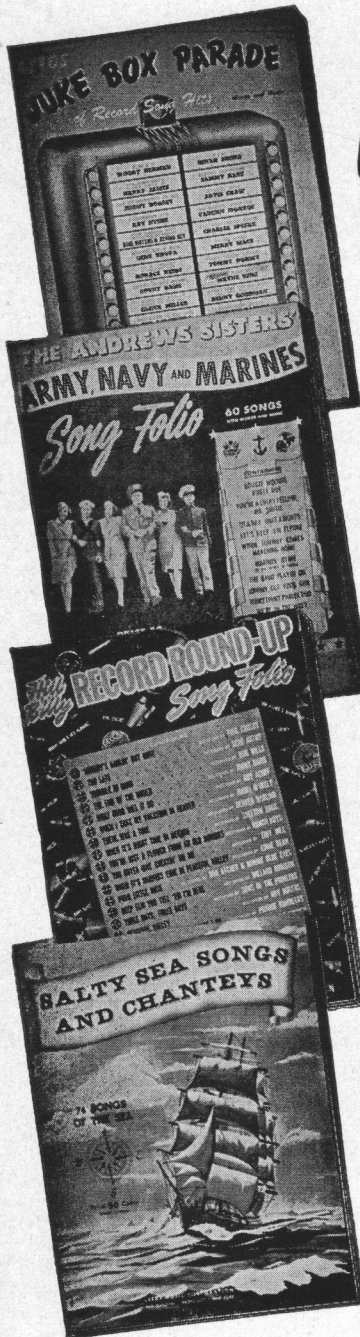
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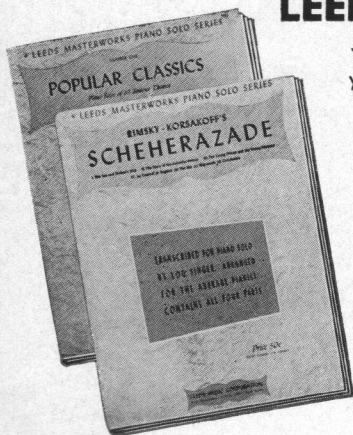
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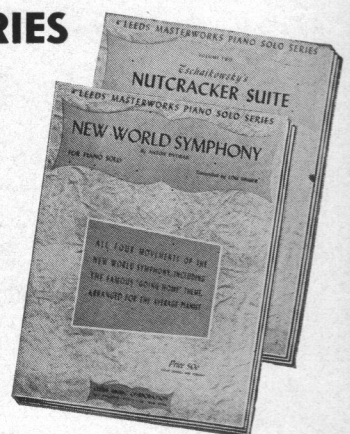
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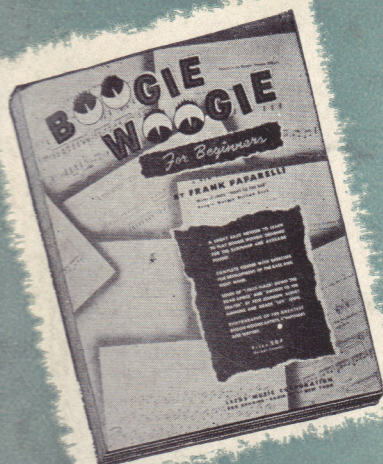
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